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SUBJECT: ARAB BOYCOTT: FORD

REF: CAIRO 6424

1. FORD OFFICIALS, NOW REPRESENTED BY PETER GOUGH, HAVE BEEN HERE SINCE APRIL 29, DISCUSSING TRACTOR ASSEMBLY PLANT (SMALL SIZE TRACTORS) WITH VARIOUS HIGH-LEVEL SYRIAN OFFICIALS. GOUGH CONFIDENT TALKS SO FAR GOING WELL, AS HE HAS REPORTED TO HIS HEADQUARTERS AND AS WE HAVE SO INFORMED NEA/ARN IN VARIOUS MESSAGES.

2. GOUGH AGREES PROPOSED FORD PROJECTS IN EGYPT AND SYRIA ARE NOT IN CONFLICT AND ALSO AGREES SHOULD INQUIRIES ARISE EITHER IN SYRIA OR EGYPT THAT FORD SHOULD BE ABSOLUTELY FORTHRIGHT (PARA 5 REFTEL). FORD DIESEL ENGINE PROJECT EFFORT IN EGYPT IS MORE PUBLIC EFFORT GIVEN MENTION OF IT IN FORD ANNUAL REPORT WHICH GOUGH HAS PROVIDED TO SYRIAN MINISTERS. FORD EFFORT IN EGYPT WILL THEREFORE COME AS NO SURPRISE TO SYRIANS..
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